IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RUBEN SERVIN,)
Petitioner,) No. C 08-0283 CRB (PR)
vs.	ORDER OF TRANSFER
TONY HEDGPETH, Warden,)
Respondent.)
)

Petitioner seeks federal habeas review of a conviction from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, which lies within the venue of the Central District of California, Western Division. See 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(2). Petitioner is incarcerated at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, County of Kern, which lies within the venue of the Eastern District of California. See id. § 84(b).

Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, see id. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction preferably are heard in the district of conviction. See Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); Dannenberg v. Ingle, 831 F. Supp. 767, 767 (N.D. Cal. 1993).

Because the County of Los Angeles lies in the Central District of California, Western Division, the court ORDERS that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas Local Rule 2254-3(b), and in the interest of justice, this petition be TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division.

The clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate all pending motions as moot.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 23, 2008

CHARLES R. BREYER United States District Judge

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RUBEN SERVIN,	Case Number: CV08-00283 CRB
Plaintiff,	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
v.	
TONY HEDGPETH et al,	
Defendant.	/

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on January 24, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: January 24, 2008

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk By: Barbara Espinoza, Deputy Clerk